

**DISTRIBUTED BUFFER INTEGRATED CACHE MEMORY
ORGANIZATION AND METHOD OF FOR REDUCING ENERGY
CONSUMPTION**

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ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

A cache memory including a content addressable memory, random access
memory (CAMRAM) cache and method for managing a cache to reduce cache energy
consumption. A cache buffer receives incoming data and buffers a storage array. The
10 cache buffer holds a number of most recently accessed data blocks. In any access, cache
buffer locations are checked before checking the storage array.

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